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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Executive Officer, DD/S&T

SUBJECT : Discussion with Mr. Nick Danilooff

1. At the request of Mr. Joseph C. Goodwin and with the concurrence of the DD/S&T, an unclassified discussion on the Russian space program was held with UPI correspondent, Mr. Nick Danilooff. Mr. Danilooff was searching for an understanding of the philosophy behind the Russian space program. Specifically, he was interested in the motivating forces and personalities which had been and are now giving direction to the Russian space program. The discussion was interesting from my standpoint and due to its nature did not border on classified areas to any significant extent. On a couple of occasions Mr. Danilooff asked questions which could have led to disclosure of classified information but he was easily enough diverted to less sensitive areas.

2. Mr. Danilooff was given copies of some unclassified TRW Space Logs. It was my impression that Mr. Danilooff has already completed his collection of documents that he feels necessary to provide information for a book on the Soviet space program. His only purpose in desiring a discussion with someone from CIA was to examine his ideas about the motivating forces behind the Russian space program. I do not believe I disclosed any classified information.

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